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INFORMATION ON TOWN GRODEKOV
AND SURROUNDING AREA

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2. History of GRODEKOV

GRODEKOV, named after a General during the Russo-Japanese war, was originally a Cossack settlement (STANITSIA) notorious as the starting point of raids into Chinese territory.

With the building of the Chinese Eastern Railway, its station was built in 1902 and it received its importance as a border station.

Since the inception of the defence belt in 1930 it has changed its significance from an international border station into a garrison town, and since 1948 into additional importance as the main railway junction for railway traffic into China.

3. Population

GRODEKOV has a population of 25,000, of which almost half are family members of military personnel stationed in the area. The number of troops in the immediate vicinity of GRODEKOV amount to 50,000 - slightly less than during the war, when war with Japan was possible.

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A large proportion of the population are railway employees, who are increasing steadily in step with the expansion of the railway junction. In 1949 GRODEKOV junction had 7 sidings. In 1951 there were 22 sidings and extension work was still progressing.

In addition a similar junction is being built at the BARANO -- ORENBURGSKOYE station.

A house-building program for railway employees of 120 brick houses, each for 16 families, is almost completed.

The next highest population group were officials and employees of the district and local party/government, followed by civilian employees of military units and collective farm workers.

The female sex predominates, as well as the younger generation over the old.

Besides the natural influx of the population by propagation (average families of 7), a large proportion of the military personnel serving in the area decide to settle there on demobilisation, bringing their families with them.

4. Industry

There is no industry in the town apart from the central "KOMBINAT" serving the town's needs, such as a flour mill, oil mill, bakery, dairy, sweet-making and mineral water factory.

Trades are represented in the central Municipal Trading Organisation.

5. Housing

Two-thirds of the houses are 2-storey brick houses which are exclusively occupied by military personnel and their families, military offices, railway employees and party/local government offices and employees. The rest of the houses are wooden huts, much dilapidated, occupied by kolkhoz workers.

The brick houses, built for the military personnel and occupied by officers' families, are designed to be used as defence positions or MG nests. The brick outer walls are at least 1 m thick, the corners are reinforced with concrete and MG firing slits are bricked in and can easily be made ready in an emergency. They have concrete foundations but no basements or cellars.

In the immediate area where the Divisional HQ is situated, the houses have additional brick walls, also at the rear of the officers' club building, leaving the streets unhampered. A supply of rails is kept to block the streets in an emergency.

6. Streets

Only the 3 main streets, LENIN, KIROV and STALIN Streets, are passable after a downpour of rain. They have a gravel/crushed stone surface 12 m wide, with verges approx 1 m wide on each side. There are no sidewalks.

Trees are being planted each year on the verge but the cattle, on the way to pasture, impair their growth. This tree-planting is an annual recurrence.

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The rest of the streets are just earth paths, dusty in the dry weather and quagmires after rain. There are no side-walks.

The main streets were kept in repair by a road roller operated by the District road maintenance unit.

7 Water supply

There is no central water supply. The families of higher-ranking military personnel are supplied by a water-cart from the KECh unit, and the others fetch their own water in buckets against payment from water-pumping stations. Civilians have water wells near almost every house. These wells are 8 - 9 m. deep. There was no sanitary inspection or cleaning of the wells by the authorities.

The family washing is done on the river bank.

8 Disposal of refuse

Refuse is removed from the military houses by the KECh unit, against a monthly payment, and dumped into the river on the outskirts of the town.

Roads are cleaned on Sundays by the population^{and} sand is strown.

9 Sanitation

Sanitation was of the most primitive kind. The pits were filled in when necessary and new ones were dug alongside.

10. Electricity

The town and the railway station had separate small power stations, supplying 220 V. electricity over overhead transmission lines. Most houses in the main streets were supplied with electricity. In the summer electricity supplies were only switched on during the hours of darkness. Throughout the year the supply was cut off at 2400 hours. There was no street lighting.

Most houses had paraffin lamps as an alternative light supply.

11. Fire fighting

The fire fighting equipment consisted of one motor pump and water tank truck. It had to replenish its water supply at the water-pumping station when dealing with larger fires.

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[redacted] the 3 major fires [redacted] at a hospital, a transit mess and a supply store - could not be quelled. 50X1-HUM
The fire fighting service was under the Military, and was totally inadequate.

12. Detailed description of the town and surrounding area (see Annexe 1)

Annexe 1 to this Appendix shows a sketch of GRODEKOVO and surrounding area [redacted]

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Numbers in brackets shown below correspond with the small figures on the sketch. Large figures (from 1 to 38) on the sketch were originally the numbers of the sheets on which the sketch was drawn and now have no meaning.

- (1) Hill "Ofitserskaya", highest point approx 75 m. Was originally wooded (oak and lime trees) and was used by the Japanese as OP.

Since 1945 the hill "Ofitserskaya" has been denuded of all trees. Only shrubs grow there now and the land along the international border has been ploughed up and is overgrown with willow bushes. The lower ground is mostly marshland. The international border itself is marked by posts, painted diagonally black and white, at a distance of 200 m from each other. Some of the posts have an engraved hammer and sickle emblem surrounded by a wreath.

The four-row barbed-wire fence entanglement is fastened with iron posts approx 1.50 m high.

The rivulet "VOLYNKA" is winding, slow moving and not more than 1 - 2 m wide. On each side of its banks is marshland, and the river itself cannot be approached here.

- (2) Command post of Fifth Army
- (3) The border post called "ZASTAVA BAIWAYA" consists of 70 men from the Frontier Forces with a complement of horses and dogs. The buildings are 2-storey stone buildings with the necessary out-buildings.
- (4) Command post of LXV Corps. estimated height of the hill to be 500 m.
- (5) "PASEKA" is an apiary kolkhoz, which is looked after by two families. Their beehives are placed in the surrounding hillsides.
- (6) Command Post "PRIMORSKOVO OKRUGA" on the hill called "TAMOZHENAYA", approx 500 m high and covered with oak trees.

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The unit occupying this post is stationed in VOROSHILOV and is frequently visited by high-ranking officers. There are wireless masts and a number of signals cars with aërials, and specially built closed vehicles. There are also a large number of buildings but no more details are available.

- (7) Formerly Japanese military barracks, now a Chinese village.

The railway line runs from GRODEKOVO to NARBIN. Along both sides of the road are one and two storey stone houses occupied by Chinese civilians.

- (8) Rly Station "POGRANICHNAYA". The population there consists of a number of Russians, who have Chinese citizenship, and Chinese.
- (9) Hill "BESEDKA", approx 4-500 m high, was a Japanese OP, heavily fortified, but now there are no fortifications as these have been demolished by the Soviet Army.
- (10) Location of the Border Troops Post ("POGRANICHNAYA ZASTAVA"). The unit has horses and vehicles, patrols the border and also co-operates with the customs officials.

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- (11) Japanese observation post, now destroyed
- (12) Frontier troops post
- (13) Hill "VERBLYUD", about 200 m high. Had former Japanese defence positions, now all destroyed.
- (14) Hill "NABLYUDATYELNAYA", about 150 ~ 200 m high, has been denuded of all its trees.
- (15) Gorges built into the hillside with entrances camouflaged by netting,
- (16) Hill "KOZYA" and reinforced concrete OP of XVII Corps.
- (17) Water-pump house
- (18) Bath house
- (19) Brick buildings accommodating officers' families, soldiers billets, club and offices.
- (20) OP of one of the Bn of the 25 Inf Regt.
- (21) Border troops post unit "POGRANICHNAYA ZASTAVA IMENI VALENTINA KOTYELNIKOVA", named after a Soviet soldier who was killed in 1938 by the Japanese. Their accommodation consists of one large 2-storey house, stables, a bathhouse, sheds for firewood and several huts for their alsation dogs, which are kept inside a 2 m high, close-meshed wire enclosure. A border post consists of approx 70 men in charge of a Lt.
- (22) Billets of troops
- (23) Billets of troops belonging to 25 Inf Regt.
- (24) Location of the Training Bn of the 9 Indep MG Division. They occupy large 2-storey brick buildings, formerly occupied by a Regt of 187 Division which was moved to NAKHODKA. Specialists for the defence positions are being trained here on courses lasting one year. The teaching staff is composed of officers serving in the defence belt.
- (25) Location of an Armoured Regt belonging to 9 Indep MG Division.
- (26) Officers' quarters of Mot. Tpt. Bn of 9 Indep MG Division
- (27) Location of Mot. Tpt. Bn of 9 Indep MG Division
- (28) Senior officers' married quarters of an Armoured Regt (see (25)). Other buildings shown are dwellings of kolkhoz workers
- (29) A lime kiln which is worked jointly by the military and the "KOMBINAT" from GRODEKOV. The 4 houses are the dwelling houses of some 20 workers at the lime kiln.

The lake is about 6 m deep, has clear cold water, freezes up in winter, and is fed by several small rivulets.

The anti-tank ditch is 2.50 m deep and 5 m wide. On the inside, approx 1 - 1.50 m apart, are rows of conical shaped cement dragon teeth intersected with angular rails.

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- (30) Pumping station from which underground pipes lead to the main rly station and watertower.
- (31) Equipment and clothing stores of 9 Indep MG Division.
- (32) Officers' quarters
- (33) Power house supplying electricity to the "House of the Soviet Army" (DOM SOVYETSKOY ARMYI) (see (34)).
- (34) "House of the Soviet Army" - an army club. 2-storey building, well equipped and furnished.
- (35) Garages of the "House of the Soviet Army"
- (36) Public health department offices
- (37) Married officers' quarters
- (38) Power station
- (39) Kolkhoz buildings
- (40) Railway engine depot. Building approx 75 m long with a glass roof. There are several sidings and space for about 20 rly engines. No major repairs are carried out here, but mostly cleaning of boilers.
- (41) Store and workshop of a Construction Bn.
- (42) Garages and stores of a Construction Bn.
- (43) Offices of the district committee of the VKP(b). A two-storey building.
- (44) Quarters of personnel of the HQ 9 Indep MG Division
- (45) HQ 9 Indep MG Division
- (46) Building housing field post office, a library, a shop and club.
- (47) QM stores of HQ 9 Indep MG Division
- (48) Quarters for senior officer of HQ 9 Indep MG Division
- (49) Garages for cars of high-ranking officers
- (50) District hospital. Two-storey brick building.
- (51) Officers quarters
- (52) Saw-mill, garages and billets of Garrison Engineer unit (KECh = KVARTIRNO EKSPLOATATSIONAYA CHAST).
- (53) Quarters for high-ranking officers. Two-storey houses.
- (54) Quarters for high-ranking officers. Two-storey buildings.
- (55) Engineer stores of 9 Indep MG Division
- (56) Grain store sheds. Wooden buildings reinforced with steel supports.

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- (57) Large single-storey bath house for railway personnel.
- (58) Power station supplying railway junction with electricity
- (59) Several rly sidings and a small rly station
- (60) Farm of 9 Indep MG Division
- (61) Billets of a construction Bn. Approx 800 all ranks.
- (62) HQ 27 Inf Regt
- (63) Barracks of 27 Inf Regt
- (64) Barracks
- (65) Village SCETIYA ALEKSYEYEVSKAYA
- (66) Location of 29 Inf Regt
- (67) Border troops post
- (68) Border troops post NOVO ALEKSYEYEVSKAYA
- (69) Hill "MYEDVIEZHYA"
- (70) Barracks accommodating two artillery regiments of an Arty Bde. Barracks consist of two-storey stone buildings.
- (71) Buildings of dairy farm "BUDYONNY", which is part of kolkhoz "SPALIN".
- (72) Large airfield. During the war an airforce regt was stationed there. Now there is a "ZVENO" flight of airforce signals unit which has 4 aircraft. The aircraft are kept in hangars which have inclined roofs, toward the hillside, and are covered with camouflage netting.

The ground is grassland, sown with "American Pyrei" grass seed, which has been ploughed and well drained so that even heavy rains leave the airfield serviceable.

Douglas aircraft use the airfield.

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- (73) Underground ammunition stores of 9 Indep MG Division. In addition to explosives and ammunition, war gases are kept there, and large stocks of ethyl alcohol which is used for the water cooling system of the guns in the defence positions. The area is strongly guarded by sentries and watchdogs, and a wide strip of land outside the barbed wire fence has been ploughed up for security reasons. Entry is only permitted by special pass from the HQ.

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- (74) Billets of guards employed to guard ammunition stores (see (73)).
- (75) Location of an A/A Regt of LXV Corps. The gun positions are on the hillsides in the vicinity. Positions are not shown

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- (76) Disused brick works

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- (77) Two-storey building accommodating 10-class school for boys and girls. Classes are separate. Adjoined by dwelling houses for teaching staff.
- (78) Engineer Bn of 9 Indep MG Division
- (79) Stores and workshops of Engineer Bn (see (78)).
- (80) Power station
- (81) Officers' married quarters of AA Regt (see (75)).
- (82) Car and gun park of a Mortar Regt.
- (83) POL stores of Engineer Bn
- (84) "KOMBINAT" - the Combined Food Manufacturing enterprises such as flour mills, oil mills (soya beans), butter making, mineral water plant and confectionery factory.
- (85) Town guard and military jail of 9 Indep MG Division
- (86) 7-Class School
- (87) Town club
- (88) Building occupied by an Espionage Unit
- (89) Wooden bridge
- (90) Kindergarten
- (91) Troops quarter of a Mortar Regt (see (82) and (128)).
- (92) Bath house of Garrison Engineer (KECh) unit.
- (93) District (civilian) transport pool
- (94) Residence of the chief of the MGB
- (95) Residence of the chief of the Militia
- (96) Offices of the Syelsoviet
- (97) Radio re-diffusion centre (RADYO UZEL) from which wires lead to a number of loudspeakers (RADYO TOCHKA), which can be rented.
- (98) Quarters of militia personnel
- (99) Bank manager's residence
- (100) Post Office and telephone exchange
- (101) State Bank
- (102) Two buildings of the 9 Indep MG Division hospital.
- (103) One building for the medical staff (see (102)).
- (104) 2-storey brick buildings housing finance and agricultural departments of the local government.

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- (105) Printing press of the daily divisional newspaper "Defender of the Fatherland" (ZASHCHITNIK OBYECHESTVA) Also the offices of the divisional prosecutor and examining magistrate.
- (106) Officers' quarters. Two-storey building.
- (107) Football ground and sports stadium, also the local war memorial in the shape of a stone obelisk with marble or granite slabs at the base inscribed with names. The war memorial is partitioned off by chains supported on stone pillars.
- (108) Officers' quarters
- (109) Officers' shop and married quarters
- (110) Main military shop (VOYENMAG)
- (111) Book shop and married quarters
- (112) Officers' quarters
- (113) Billets of VOYENMAG's manager, barber's shop, photographer's shop.
- (114) Children's hospital and chemist shop
- (115) Main district co-operative stores
- (116) Printing office of the daily newspaper "POGRANICHNY KOLKHOZNIK"
- (117) Restaurant "GASTRONOM"
- (118) Bakery
- (119) Kolkhoz administration and agricultural produce stores.
- (120) Signals Bn of 9 Indep MG Division
- (121) "SYELPO" general store for kolkhozi
- (122) District POL stores. Petrol tanks, each holding 500 tons, are located in a small wood. The kolkhoz and district transport pool are supplied from these stores.
- (123) Mobile army bakery
- (124)-(125) Military ration stores of 9 Indep MG Division
- (126) Building housing MEB offices and militia station
- (127) "UNIVERMAG" - single-storey general store.
- (128) Married quarters of Mortar Regt personnel.
- (129) Power station
- (130) Market where members of the kolkhoz sell their surplus produce on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and, during the summer, every day.
- (131) Officers' quarters
- (132) Quarters of personnel of an Espionage Unit (see (88)).

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- (133) Kommandatura (HQ) of Frontier Troops
- (134) Water pumping station
- (135) Coal depot with storage shed and crane.
- (136) Frontier Troops barracks. Two-storey brick buildings.
- (137) Railway station. In 1949 GRODEKOVO station had 7 sidings. In Aug 51 there were 22 sidings and the work of expansion was still going on. When the extension of the railway junction started in early 1951 it was planned to be completed in two years. However, now the work is urged on day and night and it is intended to have it completed by Nov 52. A new rly station building is going to be built opposite the old one and both buildings are going to be connected by a viaduct across the tracks. The old rly station building was erected in 1900.
- (138) Municipal goods store
- (139) Exercise ground for Frontier Troops.
- (140) 7-Class school. Single-storey brick building
- (141) Water tower
- (142) Canteen and shop for rly employees; the rest of this group of buildings are old single-storey and newly built 2-storey houses for rly employees.
- (143) Barracks of an Inf Regt of LXV Corps
- (144) Cemetery
- (145) Barracks and dwelling houses of District Road Repair unit.
- (146) Village DUKHOVSKOYE
- (147) Dairy farm of BOGOSLAVKA village kolkhoz
- (148) Village BOYKOV
- (149) Location of a Bn of 25 Inf Regt
- (150) Admin offices and school of village BOYKOV
- (151) Location of a Bn of 25 Inf Regt
- (152) Village BAPANC ORENBURGSKOYE, 7 Km distant from GRODEKOVO.
- (153) Barracks of 22 CHAPAYEVSKAYA Airborne Division
- (154) Water tower
- (155) Airfield. Grass surface.
- (156) MTS (Machine and Tractor Service Station)
- (157) Water pumping station and bath house of Frontier Troops

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- (158) Four buildings occupied by Frontier Troops. In the vicinity of the buildings is a small airfield on which a flight of PO.2 aircraft is stationed. The duty of this flight is to drop rations and mail by parachute to various Frontier Troop posts.
- (159) Location of an Inf. Regt. Two-storey brick buildings.
- (160) Village ZHARIKOVO. Formerly a Cossack village. Population approx 2,000. All houses in the village are built of wood.
- (161) Emergency airfield. Not now in use but kept serviceable by Garrison Engineer (KECh) unit. Hangars are built into a hillside.
- (162) Three buildings housing personnel of a Road Repair unit.
- (163) Billets of a unit of 25 Inf Regt
- (164) Village BOGUSLAVKA. Population approx 1,400.
- (165) Three buildings housing HQ 25 Inf Regt.
- (166) Location of an Arty Regt of LXV Corps
- (167) Part of kolkhoz called "1st of May"
- (168) Rly station TALOVI RAZYIYO
- (169) Three sheds (no walls) for arty supplies and rations.
- (170) Large platform for unloading tanks and equipment.
- (171) Location of 1116 Heavy Arty Regt. Guns are hauled by tractors with Diesel engines.
- (172) Two large two-storey brick buildings housing personnel of 1116 Heavy Arty Regt and approx 270 men of an AA unit providing AA defence for (175).
- (173) Command Post of 9 Indep MG Division
- (174) Underground HQ of 9 Indep MG Division
- (175) Underground stores of ammunition and supplies of 9 Indep MG Division.
- (176) MG Bn of 25 Inf Regt HQ, billets of troops and officers' married quarters.
- (177) Water pumping station
- (178) Military bakery
- (179) Officers' married quarters
- (180) Kolkhoz called "1st of May"
- (181) Large building housing district hospital. Some of the houses near the main building are used as wards and some as quarters for hospital staff.

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- (182) Location of an Inf Regt (part of LXV Corps).
- (183) Large tank repair workshops
- (184) Military school for sanitary instructors
- (185) Military trade school (cobblers, cooks, etc.)
- (186) Officers' club
- (187) Sports ground
- (188) Airfield used by aircraft delivering mail.
- (189) Billets of military personnel
- (190) Location of a Signals Bn of LXV Corps and Engineer Bn of LXV Corps. Some houses are occupied as married quarters.
- (191) Billets of military personnel
- (192) Heavy tractor repair workshop of PRIMORSKIY Military District.
- (193) 10-Class school
- (194) Officers' married quarters.
- (195) HQ LXV Corps. Single-storey large brick building in wooded grounds.
- (196) Farm run by and for the benefit of personnel of HQ LXV Corps.
- (197) Officers' married quarters
- (198) Svelsnyet office, kollehoz admin, and shop of village SYERGUYEVKA.
- (199) Married quarters of MGB personnel and officers in charge of arty range (POLIGAN).
- (200) Three petrol storage tanks, each holding approx 500 tons.
- (201) Underground POL stores
- (202) Large platform for unloading tanks and vehicles.
- (203) Rly station KHORVATOV
- (204) Grain store
- (205) Water tower
- (206) Officers' quarters
- (207) Barracks
- (208) Officers' quarters
- (209) Location of a Sovkhoz run by MVD using convict labour.
- (210) Village SYERGUYEVKA. Three rows of wooden houses.
- (211) Rly tracks laid on wooden supports over the river TAKHEYAZH. Used for loading sand and ballast.

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